

~~12~~ 13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein at least 90 percent of the coated barium titanate-based particles have a particle size less than 0.7 micrometer.

~~13~~ 14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein at least 90 percent of the coated barium titanate-based particles have a particle size less than 0.6 micrometer.

~~14~~ 15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the coated barium titanate-based particles have a primary particle size less than 0.5 micrometer.

~~15~~ 16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the barium titanate-based particles are equiaxed or spherical.

~~16~~ 17. (New) The method of claim 1, comprising maintaining the barium titanate-based particles in an aqueous environment.

~~17~~ 18. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming the coating comprises adding a solution comprising ^{a salt of} the metal to the wet environment and precipitating the coating.

~~18~~ 19. (New) The method of claim 1, comprising maintaining the barium titanate-based particles in an aqueous environment and the step of forming the coating comprises adding a solution comprising ^{a salt of} the metal to the aqueous environment and precipitating the coating.

~~19~~ 20. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising processing the coated barium titanate-based particles to form a dielectric layer of a MLCC device.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. New claims 11-20 have been added. The newly added claims are supported in the specification. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-20 are now pending.